(d) if so, the number of agencies/officials against whom Government has taken action for poor maintenance of foodgrains during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Negligible quantity of foodgrains had got rotten or become unworthy of human consumption due to poor maintenance in the godowns of Food Corporation of India (FCI) during the last three years. However, some quantities of foodgrains with FCI were damaged due to various reasons, such as, cyclones and floods, acceptance of below specifications stocks and movement to other regions. The details are given below:—

Year	Total quantity of damaged foodgrains (in lakh tons.)
2006-07	0.25
2007-08	0.34
2008-09	0.20
TOTAL:	0.79

(b) Government of India bears the cost of foodgrains damaged due to reasons mentioned in (a) above, other than in cases of foodgrains damaged due to negligence of officials, in which case recovery is made from them.

(c) Food Corporation of India, Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) and State Warehousing Corporations (SWCs) work for maintenance and safe keeping of foodgrains. Sufficient provisions exist in Food Corporation of India (Staff) Regulations 1971 and in CWC and SWCs for penalising officials found responsible for poor maintenance/damage of foodgrains during storage.

(d) Disciplinary action against 118 number of officers/officials of FCI has been taken for poor maintenance of foodgrains during last three years.

Import of Edible Oil

†*139. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that edible oils are imported to meet the requirement of the country;

(b) if so, the average quantity of different varieties of edible oils imported during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the oils mainly consumed in the country, such as mustard, coconut and groundnut oils, are exported; and

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(d) if so, the reasons for giving approval to this export?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of the total quantity of different varieties of edible oils imported during last three years, year-wise is enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Government had banned the export of all edible oils with effect from 17.3.2008. However, with effect from 1.4.2008, export of coconut oil has been permitted through Cochin Port. Further, the Government have allowed export of edible oils in branded consumer packs of upto 5 kgs. subject to a limit of 10000 tons during 20.11.2008 to 30.09.2010. This has been allowed to enable Indians living abroad to get Indian edible oils and to enable exporters to retain the markets created for branded edible oils.

Statement

Details of import of edible oils during the last three years

(Quantity in lakh tons) (Value Rs. in Crores)

	2006-07		2007-08		2008-09	
Name of Oil	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Soya bean crude oil W/N degummed	11.98	3032.86	11.20	2673.41	6.98	1866.00
Soya bean oil of edible grade	0.09	36.91	0.08	32.40	0.01	5.01
Soya bean oil	0.09	33.91	0.11	42.45	0.00	0.93
Deodorized (salad oil)	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
Other groundnut oil	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.26
Crude palm oil and its fractions	25.42	5112.35	32.77	6121.91	43.48	9083.40
Refined bleached deodorized palm oil	0.15	52.12	0.14	56.36	0.11	43.44
Refined bleached deodorized palmolein	0.69	149.98	1.60	320.13	11.80	2698.14
Other refined palm oil	1.41	314.68	0.64	213.67	0.10	39.61
Sunflower seed oil crude	1.09	322.44	0.87	254.06	2.79	1183.43
Safflower seed oil (Kardi seed crude oil)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	24.00
Sunflower oil edible grade	0.33	100.52	0.00	0.89	0.07	44.87
Edible grade saffola oil	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	—	—
Coconut (copra) crude oil and fractions	0.00	0.17	—	—	0.03	13.89
Coconut (copra) refined oil and fractions	0.14	51.69	0.08	35.26	0.12	67.53

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Crude palm kernel oil	1.26	319.61	1.47	531.70	1.48	699.42
Refined palm kernel oil and its fractions	0.01	3.56	0.00	1.09	0.04	13.17
Crude rape oil	0.00	0.10	—	—	0.09	35.19
Refined rapeseed oil of edible grade	0.00	0.00	—	—	—	—
Other low erucic acid rape colza oil other than crude	0.00	0.02	—	—	0.01	4.99
Crude colza oil	0.00	0.01	—	—	—	—
Crude mustard oil	—	—	—	—	0.00	0.35
Refined mustard oil edible grade	0.00	0.03	—	—	—	—
Other rape colza mustard oils	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.21	—	—
Sesame oil and its fractions	0.00	0.60	0.00	0.61	0.00	0.89
Fixed veg. oils of edible grade *viz.* mango kernal, mahua, rice bran oil	0.04	8.26	0.07	16.90	0.04	12.63
Ground nut oil of edible grade	—	—	—	—	0.00	0.30
TOTAL:	42.69	9539.90	49.03	10301.09	67.20	15837.46

Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Special Safety Fund

†*140. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Special Safety Fund was set up by Government by levying cess on passenger tickets;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of the said fund; and

(d) the details of works concerning railway security carried out from the said fund during the last three years and the expenditure incurred on them?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (d) In pursuance of Railway Safety Review Committee's recommendation, a non-lapsable Special Railway Safety Fund of Rs. 17000 crore was created in October, 2001 to clear the arrears of replacement/ renewal of overaged safety related assets, *viz.*, tracks, bridges, S&T gears and rolling stock and to cater to certain safety enhancement works. To meet the railway's targetted contribution of about Rs. 5000 crore, safety surcharge on passenger fare was imposed from 2001-02 to

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